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(Case No. 98,714)

In re Application of:

David Baunoch, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED
REPROCESSING OF TISSUE SAMPLES



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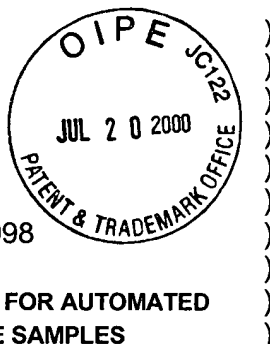
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 37 §§ C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-98, the applicant wishes to make the references listed in the enclosed PTO-1449 form of record in the above-identified application.

It is requested that the references be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Return of an initialed PTO-1449 indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references is requested.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103. This information disclosure statement shall not

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The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement was cited in an International Search Report from the International Searching Authority in a counterpart international application no more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement.

CITED REFERENCES

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